



H.Res. 561 - Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the impact it has made on homelessness and endeavoring to continue working to eliminate homelessness in the United States

Floor Situation

H.Res. 561 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT) on July 19, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on Financial Services but was never considered.

H.Res. 561 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

Summary

This legislation recognizes the 20th anniversary of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the impact it has made on homelessness in the United States.

It recognizes the substantial contributions of former Representatives Stewart B. McKinney (R-CT) and Bruce Vento (D-MN) in addressing homelessness.

Additionally, it encourages people to work with the same courage, dignity, and determination exemplified by Representatives McKinney and Vento to eliminate homelessness in the United States

Background

The Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act was signed into law by President Reagan on July 22, 1987. The legislation was an attempt to deal with the growing issue of homelessness in America.

The McKinney Act originally consisted of fifteen programs providing a range of services to homeless people, including the Continuum of Care Programs: the Supportive Housing Program, the Shelter Plus Care Program, and the Single Room Occupancy Program, as well as the Emergency Shelter Grant Program. These programs are all contained within Title IV.

Cost

At the time of publication the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) had not yet scored this legislation.

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